## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application as amended is requested. Claim 8 has been canceled. Claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended to correct obvious errors. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

## Rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 8 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests early notice to that effect.

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